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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff's Office has once again acquired invaluable tools and equipment made possible by a grant from the Thunder Valley Casino.

A small, high-tech, remote-controlled robot camera and eight self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units will enable the sheriff's Special Enforcement Team (SET) to better respond to threats in multi-story structures.

The grant program is funded by Thunder Valley Casino, the Indian gaming special distribution fund, and is administered by the local community benefit committee.

This funding made it possible to obtain equipment used during critical incidents to help SET members respond to hazardous situations and save lives.

The compact, remote-controlled camera unit gives SET deputies the ability to monitor buildings or rooms and covertly gather intelligence.

The SCBA units will enable SET deputies to enter smoke-filled areas and establish a safe environment for firefighters to enter.

"This equipment greatly enhances our response capabilities," said Lt. Wayne Woo, SET commander. "Due to the current fiscal climate we would not have been able to purchase these items without the support of Thunder Valley. We appreciate their continued commitment to the community and public safety."



A member of the Placer County Sheriff's SET demonstrates the high-tech, remote-controlled robot that was recently acquired with funding from the Thunder Valley Casino.